



STATE OF LOUISIANA TEMPORARY HURRICANE TIMBER SALVAGE PERMIT

Hurricanes Katrina and Rita caused extensive damage to timber in Louisiana. Damaged timber must be salvaged quickly to ensure its marketability. Literal compliance by transporters of unprocessed timber products with the requirements in Title 32, Louisiana Statutes, relating to the weight limits for commercial vehicles, may impede the shipment of **unprocessed** salvage timber products affected by the disaster. To aid with timely salvage operations and to alleviate further economical damage to the Louisiana timber industry, the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development, Truck Permit Office, is issuing a Temporary Order of Authority to allow the transport of **unprocessed** salvage timber products from the affected areas to the first point of storage or processing under the following guidelines. This Temporary Order is effective **until June 30, 2006.**

1. The weight for any such commercial vehicle transporting **unprocessed** salvage timber products on roadways maintained by the State of Louisiana, **excluding the Interstate Highway System**, shall not exceed the following:
 - A. The maximum Gross Vehicle Weight for vehicles equipped with five (5) weight-bearing axles with outer bridge spans of not less than fifty-one (51) feet shall not exceed ninety-five thousand (95,000) pounds. Tandem axles shall not exceed forty-two thousand (42,000) pounds. Non-steering single axles shall not exceed twenty thousand (20,000) pounds. Steering axles may weigh up to twenty thousand (20,000) pounds, provided their tires are at least 10 inches wide.
 - B. The maximum Gross Vehicle Weight for vehicles equipped with five (5) weight-bearing axles with outer bridge spans of not less than forty (40) feet, but less than fifty-one (51) feet, shall not exceed ninety thousand (90,000) pounds. Tandem axles shall not exceed forty-two thousand (42,000) pounds. Non-steering single axles shall not exceed twenty thousand (20,000) pounds. Steering axles may weigh up to twenty thousand (20,000) pounds, provided their tires are at least 10 inches wide.
 - C. The maximum Gross Vehicle Weight for vehicles equipped with four (4) weight-bearing axles with outer bridge spans of not less than forty-three (43) feet shall not exceed eighty thousand (80,000) pounds. Tandem axles shall not exceed forty-two thousand (42,000) pounds. Non-steering single axles shall not exceed twenty thousand (20,000) pounds. Steering axles may weigh up to twenty thousand (20,000) lbs, provided their tires are at least 10 inches wide.
 - D. The total length and rear overhang for any vehicle identified above shall not exceed statutory limits. Vehicles with rear overhangs between four (4) feet and fifteen (15) feet may travel between the hours of 5:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. as long as the vehicles comply with flag and lighting requirements listed in *Louisiana Regulations for Trucks, Vehicles and Loads*, page 44-46. Lights must be visible from a distance of at least 500' to the sides and rear of the load. Loads with overhangs exceeding fifteen (15) feet or more shall travel during **daylight hours only**.

2. Section 1 shall apply **only** to vehicles loaded with storm damaged timber harvested in the following parishes: East Baton Rouge, East Feliciana, Livingston, St. Helena, St. Tammany, Tangipahoa, Washington, Allen, Beauregard, Calcasieu, Jefferson Davis, Rapides, Vernon and adjacent counties in the State of Mississippi, and being transported to a mill or temporary storage facility. The list of affected parishes/counties will be re-evaluated every 30 days. It is the transporters responsibility to be aware of any changes to this list.
3. **Nothing** in this Temporary Permit shall be construed to allow any vehicle to **exceed weight limits posted for bridges and like structures**, nor shall anything in this Temporary Permit be construed to relieve any vehicle or the carrier, owner, or driver from compliance with any restrictions other than those specified in this Permit, or from any statute, rule, order or other legal requirement not specifically waived herein including Louisiana registration, apportioned tags, or Louisiana temporary registration.
4. **Nothing** in this Temporary Permit allows any vehicle to travel on Parish maintained roadways. The Parish President or Designee must be contacted for permits and routing information.

This is to certify that I have/will contact the Parish Presidents or their Designees in the parishes in which I will be transporting and agree to follow the operational policies and procedures of the Temporary Permit. I further acknowledge that a copy of this entire document must be kept in the transporting vehicles at all times.

Company Name: _____

Approximate Total Number of Trucks: _____

Phone Number: _____

Authorized Signature: _____

Date: ____/____/____

Fax Number: _____

Date: _____

Approval:

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